

Appropriations Subcommittee

Transportation and HUD

Requesting Organization

Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority

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Purpose of Request

The Riverview transit corridor along Shepard Road connects the Union Depot Multi-modal transportation hub in downtown St. Paul with the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport and the Mall of America. This corridor will establish an essential transit link between the planned destination of the Chicago-to-St. Paul high-speed rail line (Union Depot) with the primary International Airport of the Upper Midwest Region (MSP). Federal funding will support the completion of a study into transit options for this corridor. An initial "Major Investment Study" (the predecessor to the Alternatives Analysis process) was conducted between 1998-2000. The Riverview Corridor is an approved arterial line in the Metropolitan Council's 2030 plan and is strongly supported by Ramsey County, MN. State and local government leaders will propose the Riverview Corridor as the first "Small Starts" project in the state of Minnesota.

Amount Requested

\$1,000,000